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SUBJECT: ALP CONFERENCE AT TERRIGAL, FEB 3-7 & OMEGA

REF: A) STATE 030953; B) CANBERRA 862 C) CANBERRA 857

1. WRAP-UP OF TERRIGAL CONFERENCE SENT IN BY POUCH (CANBERRA A-25, FEB 11). CONFERENCE SPENT ONLY SHORT TIME ON MATTERS DIRECTLY CONNECTED WITH U.S.-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS (DEFENSE FACILITIES AND ESTABLISHMENT OF PRG OFFICE IN AUSTRALIA), WHICH WERE REPORTED IN REFS B AND C.

2. AS NOTED IN AIRGRAM, OMEGA ISSUE ONLY MENTIONED ONCE, AND THEN ONLY IN PASSING. IN GENERAL DISCUSSION OF DEFENSE FACILITIES, ALP LEFT DELEGATE (TERRY HIGGINS OF ACT) STATED THAT OMEGA STATION IS FOR USE BY U.S. MISSILE LAUNCHING AND ATTACK SUBMARINES. STATEMENT WAS NOT RPT NOT CHALLENGED, THERE WAS NO FURTHER DISCUSSION OF OMEGA ISSUE, AND NO RPT NO RESOLUTION ON OMEGA DEBATED OR PASSED. CHARGE WILL REVIEW PROSPECTS FOR OMEGA WITH SENATOR WHEELDON (CHAIRMAN OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE CONSIDERING OMEGA) NEXT WEEK. AT OUR REQUEST DFA ALSO EVALUATING PROSPECTS FOR OMEGA, AND WE HOPE TO SUBMIT RECOMMENDATION IN NEXT TWO WEEKS OR SO. AS THINGS NOW STAND, HOWEVER, DISPOSITION OF OMEGA STATION IS STILL IN HANDS OF PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE, AND GOA

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ACTION AWAITS REPORT OF COMMITTEE.

3. AS TO GENERAL IMPLICATIONS OF LABOR CONFERENCE FOR
U.S.-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS, WE ARE REVIEWING OUR CURRENT
DRAFT OF PARA PAPER WITH THIS IN MIND (IT IS DUE IN WASH-
INGTON FEB 25).
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